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LETTER DATED 12 DECEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TOGO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement by the Togolese Government issued on 10 December 1994 (see annex). This statement was made in connection with the search for ways and means likely to consolidate good-neighbourly relations between the Republic of Ghana and the Togolese Republic.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Biova-Soumi PENNANEACH

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Annex

Statement issued on 10 December 1994 by the Togolese Government

The Togolese Government,

Wishing to promote good-neighbourly relations between the Republic of Ghana and the Togolese Republic and to help create better conditions for strengthening such relations,

Seeking to maintain mutually advantageous peaceful and cooperative relations between the two countries,

Decides, as from this date, to open the border between Ghana and Togo, 24 hours a day for persons and 6 to 18 hours a day for freight.

The Togolese Government recognizes that this reopening of the border is an expression of its consistent determination to do everything possible to reinforce the brotherly and peaceful relations and to strengthen the bonds that for centuries have united the Ghanaian and Togolese peoples.

The Togolese Government reaffirms the need to give priority to resolving difficulties between States by means of dialogue and consensus-building, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the United Nations Charter and the Charter of the Organization of African Unity, the Treaty establishing the Economic Community of West African States, the Quadripartite Accords signed at Lagos on 10 December 1984, linking Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo, and endorsed by the Organization of African Unity in its Tunis Declaration, and the Amended Non-Aggression Protocol between the member States of the Economic Community of West African States, signed at Lagos on 22 April 1978 and committing each party not to engage in, encourage or support acts of subversion, hostility or aggression against the territorial integrity or political independence of the other member States.